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STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Commissioner:

Pursuant to our teleconference with the Examiner and his SPE just over a month ago, we have not received a Notice of Allowance in the above-captioned matter; however, we note that there was what appears to be an indication of allowability posted to PAIR on 02/19/2008. We are awaiting receipt of the Notice of Allowance and the corresponding Issue Fee forms.

Applicants respectfully request a status update regarding the aforementioned Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee forms. In the meantime, we will rely on the Office's assurances provided to us in our recent telephone correspondence that the Issue Fee deadline period will not begin until a formal Notice of Allowance has been received.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Status Inquiry or feel that a telephone call to the undersigned would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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